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Briefly

A dream lives on

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. observance program is scheduled 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Whispering Sands Community Center. Read more as we celebrate Dr. King's life Monday. **Page 2**

Bataan march

The annual march at White Sands Missile Range to commemorate the Bataan Death March of World War II is just around the corner. **Page 6**

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Happy birthday



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Air and Space
Expeditionary Force
Tempo

Personnel deployed: **173**
(as of Dec. 30)

Reconstituting BEAR Base

49th MMG to finish cleaning, repacking JTF Katrina assets by end of week

by **Spc. (Ret.) James Matise**
Sunburst staff writer

Shortly after Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast region Aug. 29, the 49th Materiel Maintenance Group was tapped to provide five Basic Expeditionary Airfield Resources sets to house relief workers.

As the assets began to return, the 49th MMG, faced with the daunting task of bringing each set back to deployment capability, began the unit's largest asset reconstitution effort ever.

"We have to bring [each set] back to the status it left in," said Tech. Sgt. Fred Campos, 49th Materiel Maintenance Support Squadron set chief. "This is the first time we've done a [reconstitution] of this scale."

The 49th MMG began redeploying BEAR Base sets Oct. 5 and 6 as relief efforts wound down, and all five sets had returned to Holloman by the end of October, said Master Sgt. Toney Wells, 49th MMSS BEAR Base element NCO in charge.

"The sets came in from New Orleans, Gulfport, Miss., and Beaumont, Texas," Sergeant Wells said.

In all, approximately 1,600 short tons – 3.2 million pounds – of equipment were deployed and recovered, Sergeant Wells said.

"In the six years I've been here ... we're always prepped to go, but it was the largest number actually sent out," he said.

According to 1st Lt. Frederic A. Doss, 49th MMSS transportation flight



Photo by Senior Airman Jason Colbert

Senior Airman Alfred Wilkes, 49th Materiel Maintenance Support Squadron, washes a tent liner recently recovered from the Gulf Coast region as a part of BEAR Base reconstitution efforts.

commander, the BEAR Base Hurricane Katrina movement was the second largest movement of BEAR Base assets by weight in the unit's 33-year history and the largest reconstitution effort ever.

Reconstitution is a tedious and time-consuming effort necessary to

ensure BEAR Base assets are ready to deploy again at a moment's notice, Sergeant Campos said.

"We take [equipment] out, clean it and repack it," he said. "We wash everything that came back."

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Remember, act and celebrate Dr. King's dream of liberty

by **Capt. Vince King**
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

This year marks the 20th anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, a day many Americans take to spend time with family and friends.

First celebrated in 1986, Martin Luther King Jr. Day originally set the tone for celebration of his life, education in his teachings and nonviolent action to carry his unfinished works forward.

The official Martin Luther King Jr. Federal Holiday and Service Act wasn't signed until 1994, dedicating the day to community service, interracial cooperation and youth anti-violence.

Dr. King once said, "Everybody can be great, because everybody can serve." To me, this epitomizes what we as a nation should be doing on this day – serving others.

We should not only remember our ancestors or celebrate the life and legacy of this man, but act on what Dr. King's overarching journey was about – service. This theme for the Dr. King holiday never changes.

Throughout his life, Dr. King relentlessly put others before himself. He knew in order to be credible, he had to put his words into actions. He dedicated his life

to make this nation a place where people "will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."

As a nation, we celebrate a man with a strong will who put his life on the line for freedom and justice every day, the man who braved threats and beatings and who ultimately paid the highest price to make democracy a reality for all Americans.

You might be asking yourself, "how does this affect me?"

Let's start off by saying that for many of us, we all are in service to others. Whether you are an active-duty member, civilian or dependent, you are defending the principles that got us here today. We are all fighting the war on terrorism, even if we are not deployed to forward locations. The work we are doing here undoubtedly supports our actions as a nation overseas.

In a way, we can say we are taking Dr. King's vision of freedom and justice globally. We have adapted ourselves, and anything we do today, to ensure that not only does Dr. King's dream stay alive and strong but our children will have a dream as well.



I encourage each of you to use this holiday to remember the sacrifices and triumphs of Dr. King. We should all celebrate his life and growing legacy, and continue to act on his unfinished work by participating in service projects and help by meeting the community needs.

Remember, celebrate and act. Make this holiday a day ON, not a day OFF.

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572-7500

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Before submitting a Hotline, please give the appropriate agencies a chance to work out the problem.

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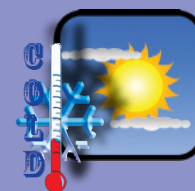
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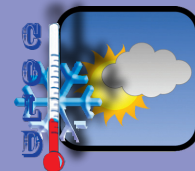
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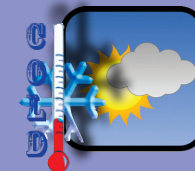
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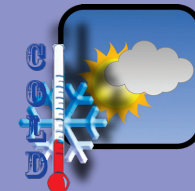
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TODAY



High: 62
Low: 30
SATURDAY



High: 60
Low: 26
SUNDAY



High: 52
Low: 22
MONDAY

Weather forecast provided by the
49th Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight.

49th SFS troops return from Iraq Tuesday

'Nothing beats being back home,' says one



Photos by Senior Airman Jason Colbert

49th Security Forces members walk down the flight line toward waiting family and friends after returning from a six-month tour at Camp Bucca, Iraq.



Four-year-old Kaitlyn Mruk smiles in the arms of her father, Staff Sgt. Jay Mruk, 49th SFS, after he held her for the first time in six months.

"Nothing beats being back home. It was an experience I will never forget. I feel a tremendous amount of accomplishment and an overwhelming amount of pride."

Airman 1st Class Edward Lopez, 49th SFS

BEAR BASE

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Photo by Senior Airman Jason Colbert

Airman Roberto G. Cedeno, 49th Materiel Maintenance Squadron aircraft structural maintenance journeyman, puts away frame sections for a Small Shelter System tent used during JTF Katrina operations.

Approximately 20 Airmen worked on the reconstitution which has been going on for about 10 weeks now. The largest task was making sure each of the 250 tents were cleaned and inspected for serviceability, Sergeant Campos said.

“Everything was caked in mud,” he said. “We washed each tent, folded it, dried it and repacked it.”

Every single container had to be opened and repacked properly, he said.

“When they’re packing, they don’t have the time to put it away properly,” he said. “The containers don’t have much space, so we have to pack it in tight.”

Each item had to be inspected. Electrical equipment, including heaters, air conditioners and generators, were tested for serviceability, ripped tent fabric was

repaired and each tent frame was inspected.

“Whatever part is not fixable, we order a new one,” Sergeant Campos said.

Each set takes approximately two weeks to bring back to operational status, he said.

There were a number of lessons learned from tackling such a large effort, Sergeant Campos said.

“We’re kind of learning as we go along,” he said.

The 49th MMG was allowed to use building 500, an aircraft hangar normally used for visiting aircraft on temporary duty, to stay sheltered from the elements, since the group does not have a permanent structure to house reconstitution efforts. The 49th Operations Group and the 49th Maintenance Group helped prepare the hangar for use.

“Both groups went out of

their way to help us with getting into the facility,” said Col. Michael Arnold, 49th MMG commander.

The 49th MMG is looking at long-term solutions for housing BEAR Base reconstitution efforts in the future, Lieutenant Doss said.

Faced with the dilemma of keeping the tents from getting dirty after being washed, the group also built an improvised wash rack out of pallets to hose down the tents and erected a metal tent frame to drape each tent over so it could dry before being repacked, Sergeant Campos said.

Reconstitution as a whole included all elements of the 49th MMG to ensure BEAR Base sets are ready to go in any future contingencies.

“The recon is a lasting and highly-valuable contribution to the future of the BEAR mission,” Lieutenant Doss said.

Bataan Death March Memorial accepting on-line registration

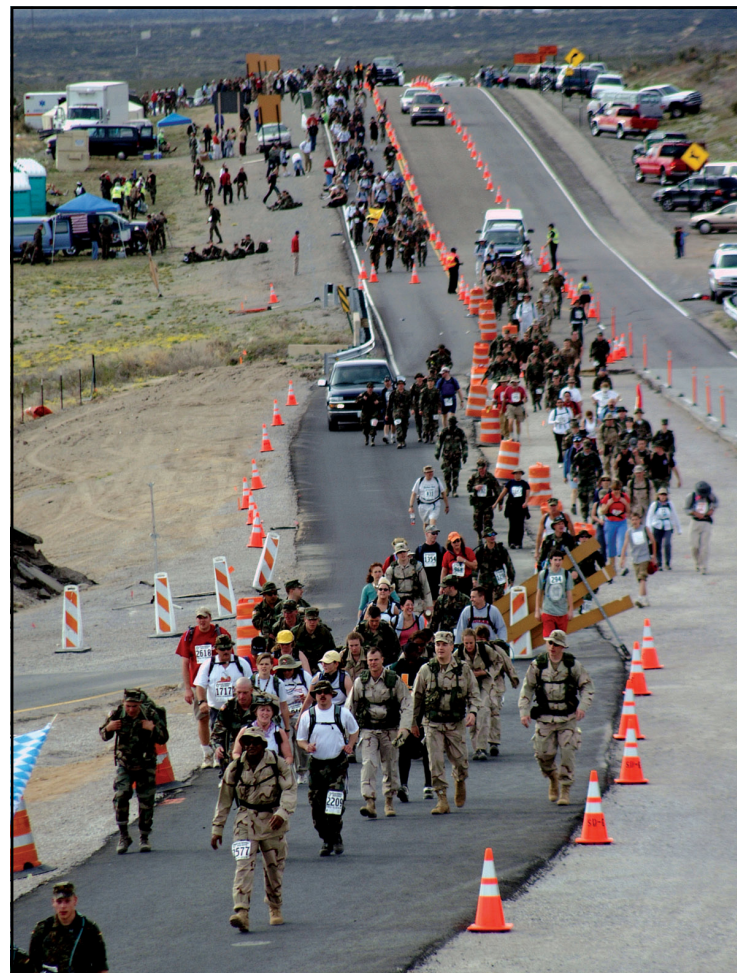


Photo by Mr. Tom Moore

Bataan Memorial Death March participants include runners and military and civilian marchers and walkers. Some enter in the “heavy” category which requires carrying a 35-pound pack over the duration of the course.

On-line registration is now open for the 2006 Bataan Memorial Death March at White Sands Missile Range, Mar. 26.

The memorial march recognizes the sacrifices of thousands of U.S. and Filipino servicemembers overwhelmed by the Japanese in the Philippine Islands during World War II.

This year’s participants may choose the event’s 26.2-mile course or a 15-mile honorary course. Age divisions in all categories have been expanded for the full-length course.

The 26.2-mile march begins on the Army installation’s main post, crosses hilly terrain, winds around a small mountain and returns to the finish line through sandy desert trails and washes. The elevation varies from about 4,100 to 5,300 feet.

The honorary march is for those who want to participate, but do not

want to attempt the longer, more difficult route.

The event is open to military (active duty, reserve, National Guard, ROTC, JROTC or retired) and civilian teams and individuals in either heavy or light divisions. Military personnel marching in any military category must wear full field gear. Civilian marchers in any category should wear attire appropriate for a road march through desert terrain. Marchers entered in a heavy division category must carry a 35-pound rucksack. Awards will be presented to the top two finishers in each age division in each category.

To register online, go to www.Bataanmarch.com. For more information about the march or to request a mail-in form, call the White Sands Missile Range Community Recreation Division at 505-678-1256. Questions and comments may be e-mailed to bataan@wsmr.army.mil.

Holloman Mini Mall hailed as outstanding wine shop

DALLAS – According to the Dec. 31 Wine Spectator, a nationally published magazine, Airmen “looking for a great wine” need go no further than Holloman’s Army and Air Force Exchange Services’s Shoppette.

Since 1988, Wine Spectator has tasted wines from around the world to determine its top 100. This year,

the shoppette was recommended as an “outstanding wine shop” to find the editors’ selections.

“We always strive to offer the best items,” said Mr. Ted Wulff, Base Exchange general manager. “Receiving national recognition is a real testament to the (shoppette’s) staff and AAFES buyers.”

Holloman Mini Mall is one of more than 3,100 AAFES facilities operating worldwide. AAFES has facilities in more than 30 countries, five U.S. territories and 49 states. Sales at AAFES locations, like the Holloman Mini Mall, generate earnings that are returned to the military to improve troops’ quality of life. - (AAFES News Release)

When the cookie crumbles...



Photo by Mrs. Christine Juedeman

Mrs. Lisa McKeon (left) and (ret) Lt. Col. Sylvia Pringle sort through cookies baked by Team Holloman volunteers for the Holloman Cookie Drive Dec. 16. Over 900 dozen cookies were baked, said Mrs. Juedeman, and handed out to single Airmen over the holidays. Each Airman received one dozen cookies. Colonel Pringle volunteered her time after hearing about the drive while on a three-month vacation in New Mexico. Colonel Pringle and her husband, also a retired Air Force officer, were staying in the Holloman Fam-Camp at the time. Cookie Drive volunteers came from all areas of the base, said Mrs. Juedeman, and included members of the Officers’ Spouses Club, the Enlisted Spouses Organization, active duty members and family members.

Early detection is the best prevention

Routine check-ups, regular testing vital

by Maj. Dana Adams
49th Medical Operations Squadron Women's Health Clinic nurse practitioner

In conjunction with the U.S. Preventive Screening Task Force and the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology, the American Cancer Society has revised their recommendations for women's health screening examinations.

Breast cancer detection is best achieved using three examinations: breast self-examination, clinical breast examination by healthcare providers and mammography. Individual exams play a vital role in the early detection of breast cancer.

Women should be instructed to begin performing breast self-exams at the age of 20 with further examinations continuing through the individual's life.

Women under 40-years-of-age should have a clinical breast exam every 3-years. Clinical exams and mammograms should be performed

every year upon turning forty. These recommendations are for screening only; exams may be performed more frequently if concerns about breast changes arise.

The Pap test is a screening method used to detect abnormal changes on the cervix that may lead to cervical cancer. It is now known that women who are screened during their twenties are much less likely to develop cervical cancer later in life and therefore, testing can be performed less frequently.

Pap testing should begin at age 21 or within three years of becoming sexually active, whichever comes first. Testing should continue yearly until age 30. At that time, women should be tested every three years if they have had three yearly normal results, do not have multiple sexual partners and do not have an active Human Papilloma Virus infection.

A few other medical conditions may prompt to recommend more frequent screening.

If you've had a complete

hysterectomy (removal of the uterus and cervix), you may no longer need Pap testing. Pap testing may not be necessary if the hysterectomy was performed for reasons other than cervical cancer and Pap results have been normal for the past 10 years. Testing is also no longer necessary after age 70 if you've had three consecutive normal results.

The biggest gain in altering the recommended screening guidelines is to be able to screen those women who don't get tested regularly. It also prevents over treating those women with benign problems that would likely resolve on their own if given enough time.

If performed as recommended, preventive screening examinations help detect abnormal changes that may threaten your health.

Please refer to the American Cancer Society's website, www.-.cancer.org or contact Holloman's Primary Care Team at 572-2778 for information or to schedule a preventive health screening exam.

Five Holloman NCOs STEP promoted Dec. 21

by Tech. Sgt. Ray Bowden
49th Fighter Wing public affairs

Five Holloman NCOs were promoted as part of the Air Force's Stripes for Exceptional Performers program by Brig. Gen Kurt Cichowski, 49th Fighter Wing commander, Dec. 21.

Technical Sergeants Richard Jordon Jr, 49th Maintenance Operations Squadron, and Jacqueline Jones, 49th Medical Group, were promoted to master sergeant.

Staff Sergeants Donald Shelvin, 49th Contracting Squadron, Dustin Reynolds, 49th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, and Brian Dockery, 49th Fighter Wing Military Equal Opportunity, were promoted to technical sergeant.

Only 422 enlisted Airmen receive a STEP promotion each year, making the program exceptionally competitive.

To many STEP promotees, their on-the-spot advancement comes as a complete surprise.

"I was absolutely stunned," said Sergeant Jordon. "That's all I can say about it."

General Moseley, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, said in a recent Air Force memo the STEP Program should be used to reward Airmen who work hard and perform superbly but have difficulty with promotion testing. According to the message, the STEP promotion program is not meant to be used as a below-the-zone promotion program.

"The five who were selected are representative of the outstanding quality of Airmen our Air Force has within its ranks," said Chief Master Sgt. Dale Barton, 49th Fighter Wing command chief.

Immediate supervisors also play a crucial role in getting their

Airmen STEP promoted.

Master Sgt. Lisa Hall, 49th Fighter Wing Military Equal Opportunity superintendent said she submitted Sergeant Dockery because he had achieved the level of excellence the Air Force demands of its personnel.

"Sergeant Dockery epitomizes the core value of excellence in all we do," she said.

Sergeant Jones said her supervisor, Master Sgt. Cynthia Bount, submitted her STEP promotion package while preparing to retire.

"The fact that my supervisor took the time to submit me while outprocessing meant a lot to me," she said. "Being STEP-promoted was a wonderful, wonderful Christmas present."

Only 1-to-2 percent of promotion eligible airmen are STEP promoted annually.



Photo by Chief Master Sgt. Curtis Walker

Fine dining

Airman 1st Class Lewis Christopher, 49th Fighter Wing chapel assistant, dines with Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray while deployed to Prince Sultan Air Base, Saudi Arabia.

2006 defense budget increases military pay, benefits

by Ms. Donna Miles
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON - President Bush ushered in an across-the-board 3.1 percent military pay raise effective Jan. 1 and a variety of other new or enhanced benefits for servicemembers and their families when he signed the 2006 National Defense Authorization Bill into law Jan. 6.

In addition to a pay raise, the new budget provides several new or increased bonuses or special pays or benefits.

The new law provides a variety of benefits designed to better compensate servicemembers, improve their quality of life and better equalize reserve-component benefits with those of the active force and promote recruiting and retention, said Mr. Chuck Witschonke, Department of Defense deputy director for compensation.

"Not only does it contain the routine annual pay raise, which is one-half percent higher than the raise measured in the private sector, but it also includes a number of increases in ceilings on some very important pays," he said.

Among the law's most significant features are:

- An increase in the maximum reenlistment bonus, from \$60,000 to \$90,000.

- A higher maximum enlistment bonus; up from \$20,000 to \$40,000.

- * A new ceiling on hardship-duty pay, from \$300 to \$750 a month.

- Doubling the maximum assignment incentive pay for hard-to-fill billets or assignments from \$1,500 to \$3,000 per month.

- A new allowance to cover the first \$150,000 in Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance premiums for troops serving in Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.

- Enhanced death benefits, resulting in a total of \$238,000 for all deaths not previously qualified for enhanced benefits, and the permanent institution of a policy that continues the basic allowance for housing or government quarters for one year for families of deceased servicemembers.

- A bonus of up to \$12,000 per year for both active and reserve members with certified language proficiency.

The law also provides a variety of benefits specifically target-

ing reservists:

- Full housing allowance for reserve members called to active duty for more than 30 days.

- Income replacement benefits to help offset pay loss some reservists and guardsmen experience when called to active duty, based on specific guidelines provided in the law.

- Increases in the maximum payment for accession and affiliation bonuses, from \$10,000 and \$15,000, respectively, to a consolidated \$20,000 for enlistment in the Selected Reserve.

- Boosts in the maximum affiliation bonus for officers in the Selected Reserve from \$6,000 to \$10,000.

- Bonus' that could total up to \$100,000 over a career for members with a designated critical skill or who volunteer to serve in a designated high-priority unit.

The 2006 authorization act, like those in recent years, reflects steady progress in compensating servicemembers and their families with increased benefits and opportunities, Mr. Witschonke said.

For information concerning military pay and benefits, go to <http://www.dod.mil/militarypay>.



*Airman 1st Class Traci Hardaway
49th Comptroller Squadron*

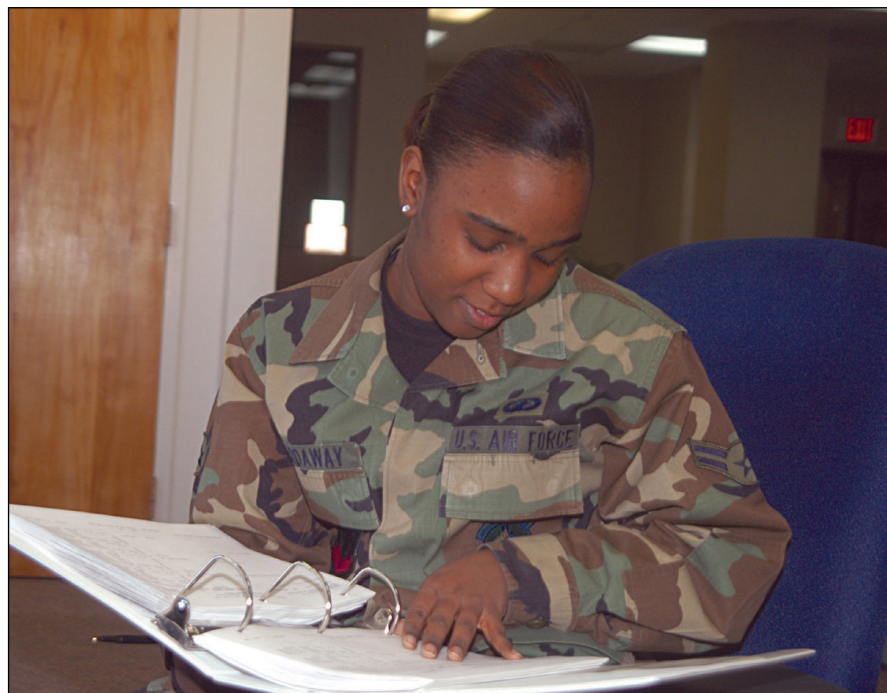


Photo by 1st Lt. Shantece Wade

The Holloman Hero submission form is available online and can be downloaded at: https://wwwmil.holloman.af.mil/wing/49FW_PA/internal.html

Duty title: customer service/quality assurance technician

Time in service: one year, eight months

Time at Holloman: one year, two months

Home town: Memphis, Tenn.

Personal and career goals: I plan on completing my Community College of the Air Force degree in Financial Management as well as my bachelor's degree in elementary education within the next four years. I also aspire to be a financial management tech school instructor.

Why is serving in the Air Force important to you? Serving in the Air Force is important to me because now I am able to play an active role in my country as well as my community. I feel the Air Force is developing me

into a well-rounded person by encouraging me to excel in my career field, expand my education, increase my fitness level and participate in many volunteer opportunities.

What accomplishment during your Air Force career are you most proud of? I am very proud of my graduation from Basic Military Training. This was an experience like none other that instilled a great sense of pride in not only myself but my country as well, which I will always carry with me.

Core value portrayed: I recommend Excellence in All We Do. Airman Hardaway takes tremendous pride in everything she does. She has qualities normally found in senior NCOs. Her 'never quit' attitude and determination sets the example for all of Team Holloman and the USAF.

-Maj. John Gondol
49th CPTS commander

HOLLOMAN SALUTES



Congratulations to the following colonel and major selects:

Colonel selects:

Craig Y. Castillo
Rose A. Layman
Tamara S. Holder
Kevin L. Sullivan

Major selects:

Winston L. Massey
James M. Probasco
John C. Rockwell
Clifton W. Bailey

Congratulations to the following award winners from the 49th Fighter Wing:

Air Force Flight Surgeon of the Year (Malcom Grow)

Maj. Robert York
8th Fighter Squadron

Air Combat Command NCO Medical Administrative Technician of the Year

Tech. Sgt. Kristine Albright
49th Medical Support Squadron

ACC NCO Bioenvironmental Engineer Technician of the Year

Staff Sgt. Stephen Jeffrey
49th Aeromedical Dental Squadron

ACC Airman Olsen Wegener Flight Medicine Technician of the Year

Senior Airman Brandon Simmons
49th Aeromedical Dental Squadron

ACC unit Explosives Safety Award:

49th Fighter Wing

Verne Award:

49th Maintenance Group

Joan Orr Air Force Spouse of the Year:

Ms. Doris Lankford

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and domestic violence*

Fighting 49ers celebrate 65th Anniversary

Sunday marks long history of support, sacrifice

by Master Sgt. Greg Henneman
49th Fighter Wing historian

From its humble beginnings to unparalleled achievements, the 49th Fighter Wing will mark its 65th anniversary Sunday.

The 49th Pursuit Group activated at Selfridge Field, Mich., Jan. 15, 1941. Activation of the new group resulted as part of an Air Corps buildup on the eve of World War II. The activation of the 49th came under a plan known as the First Aviation Objective, which sought to bring 54 aviation groups to combat-ready status.

In previous decades, the young air component, which fell under the Army, suffered from small budgets and low priority for personnel and equipment. For example, in 1934 the budget for Army aviation totaled \$23.3 million, only 8.4 percent of the War Department's expenditures. However, President Franklin D. Roosevelt recognized the need to increase America's defense and modernize and equip its air power. By 1939, nearly half of the military's requirements belonged to the Air Corps.

Created from nine officers and 130 enlisted personnel who previously served with the 31st Pursuit Group (today's 31st Fighter Wing at Aviano Air Base, Italy), the new 49th, with its 7th, 8th and 9th



Courtesy photo

The 49th Fighter-Bomber Wing headquarters at Taegu Air Base, South Korea. During the three years of the Korean War, the Fighting 49ers destroyed 27 enemy aircraft, 239 tanks, 150 locomotives and more than 3,000 rail cars. For its service, the wing earned eight campaign streamers and two Republic of Korea Presidential Unit citations.

Pursuit Squadrons, was charged with serving as part of a larger and more modernized Air Corps. It's beginnings were far from glamorous, however.

Facilities at Selfridge Field could not withstand the growth, which multiplied the number of people on the base by 500 percent. Young recruits lived in tents

through the cold Mich. winter as infectious pneumonia spread throughout the base. The group suffered its first fatality Feb. 17, 1941, when Private First Class William Riley succumbed to pneumonia. Later that month, the 49th's first commander, Maj. Glen Davashar, also died from pneumonia.

In addition to the harsh living conditions, there were not enough aircraft for the 49th's pilots to receive adequate training time or for the enlisted personnel to have sufficient maintenance work. Although more aircraft were expected to arrive at Selfridge in April 1941, the group would not be there to see them. The young men began the first of 15 moves over the next four years, eventually becoming the first fighter group to arrive in the Pacific. These first 49ers went on to record 678 enemy aerial victories, therefore earning the title "Fighting 49ers."

Over the next six decades, the 49ers fought in every major

battle and campaign.

During the Korean War, the 49th Fighter-Bomber Wing provided direct firepower in close air support missions with its F-84s, the Air Force's first post-war fighter-jet, often standing as the only power preventing communist forces from taking over the Korean Peninsula.

In Vietnam, the 49th Tactical Fighter Wing dropped over 41 million pounds of ordnance on key targets in North Vietnam

without a single loss of life.

Supporting Operation Desert Storm, the 49th Materiel Maintenance Group moved 14,821 tons of equipment on 252 aircraft and 784 trucks in what was described as "the largest unit move in the history of the Air Force."

Armed with the F-117A, the 49th Fighter Wing launched Operation Iraqi Freedom with a decapitation strike against Baghdad and continued on to destroy more than 100 key strategic targets in heavily defended airspace.

Throughout these 65 years, the 49th Fighter Wing amassed an unparalleled record of sacrifice and dedication. Without the Fighting 49ers, the entire history of the Air Force and our nation would be very different.

Despite all of these past accomplishments however, perhaps the most important time in 49er history is today.

As we mark this anniversary, over 300 of our own have left friends and family to serve in the global war on terrorism. Transportation specialists from the 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron will lead convoys across the Central Command Theater, while Airmen from nearly every squadron on the base serve in locations ranging from the cold winters of Kyrgyzstan to the hot deserts of Qatar. As we celebrate the accomplishments that have made us great, keep in mind those who are writing the next chapter of our history today.



Courtesy Photo

Members of the 49th Fighter Group prepare to depart from Hamilton Field, Calif., to Hickam Field, Hawaii, aboard a B-24 Liberator Bomber in 1943.



Photo by Senior Airman Vanessa LaBoy

Holloman Airmen board a C-17 Globemaster III prior to deploying to the Persian Gulf to support Operation Enduring Freedom in 2005.

Arming up with the 49th Security Forces Squadron



Photos by Tech. Sgt. James Hartt

Airman 1st Class Yeanne Roman, 49th SFS armorer, locks a 9mm pistol rack following shift turn-in. An inventory of each item is taken before every shift.



Airman Roman prepares to distribute the multi-channel, two-way radios carried by security forces members during their shift.



Senior Airman Denise Hassen, 49th SFS flight member, checks the weapons log to ensure she receives the correct weapon prior to guardmount, a mandatory formation held before each shift to discuss security briefs, take attendance and inform flight members on pertinent pass-ons before they assume post.



Airman Hassen ensures the M-4 carbine carried by Staff Sgt. Gary Chaney, 49th SFS patrolman, is clear of any bullets, or 'rounds,' before he attends guardmount. All SFS members are required to 'clear' their weapons immediately upon receiving them from the armory and before turn-in at the end of each shift.



Senior Airman Desmond Lanham, 49th SFS armorer, checks the lock on a 9mm weapons rack.

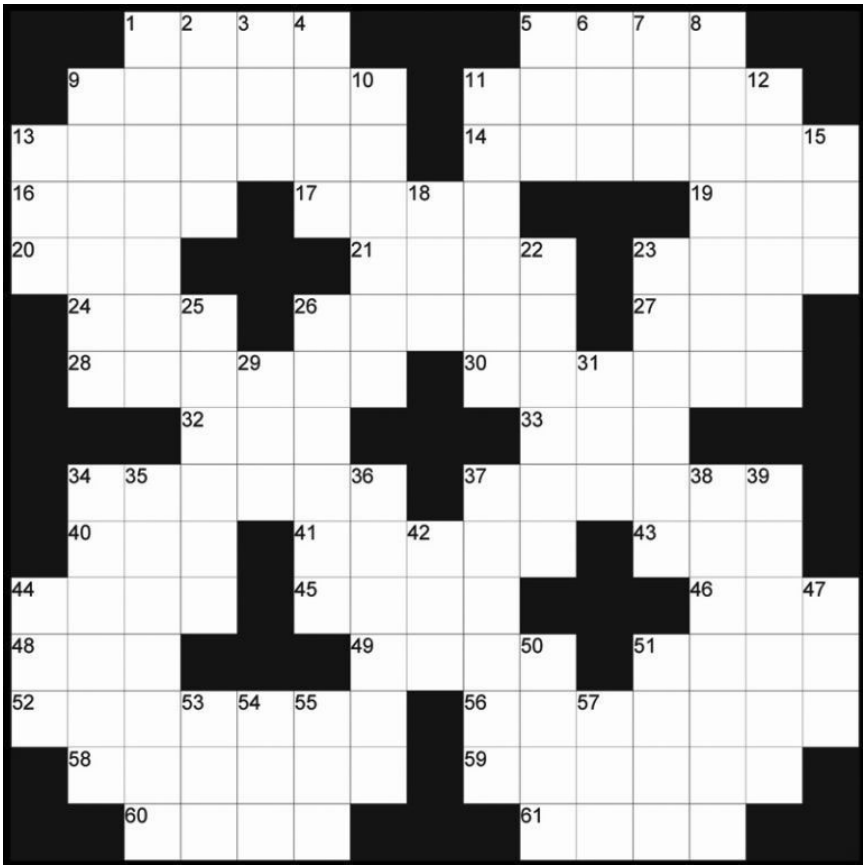
Filling the leading roles

Across

- 1. Undersecretary of the Air Force Dr. Ronald M. ____ (SAF/US)
- 5. Hold up
- 9. 2005 McConaughey movie
- 11. New York city section
- 13. Suspended chemical
- 14. Printing error
- 16. Scottish hillside
- 17. Active, energetic person
- 19. Monopoly purchases, in short
- 20. USA unit of differing MOSs
- 21. Elbow or head follower
- 23. Tepid
- 24. NY Giant Manning
- 26. Southern Asia peninsula
- 27. USAF aerial mission
- 28. Blue jeans
- 30. Vice Chief of Staff Gen. John D.W. ____ (AF/CV)
- 32. Kitchen measurement, in short
- 33. Ump
- 34. Dishonest
- 37. Stopwatches
- 40. Director Howard
- 41. Actresses Kudrow and Bonet
- 43. Fishing technique
- 44. Otherwise
- 45. Billy Ray Cyrus song ____ Breaky Heart
- 46. Taxing org.
- 48. Bumble or honey
- 49. Assist
- 51. Superhero comic
- 52. Northern Ireland capital
- 56. Breakfast food
- 58. Proverbial haystack item
- 59. Decorative ribbon
- 60. Votes in favor
- 61. Final

Down

- 1. Marketable
- 2. 2000 Tony Award best actress
- 3. Investigative arm of Congress, in short
- 4. Dry
- 5. Prohibit
- 6. Mistake
- 7. Pie ____ mode
- 8. Cover the steps, again



- 9. Separated
- 10. Decorates
- 11. Brave
- 12. Chief Master Sergeant of the AF CMSgt Gerald R. _ (CMSAF)
- 13. NBC rival
- 15. USAF decoration
- 18. USAF org. concerned with bomb removal
- 22. New Zealand people
- 23. Ate greedily
- 25. Articulate
- 26. African antelope
- 29. USAF mission of UAVs
- 31. Sleep type
- 34. American soprano Augér
- 35. Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael ____ (AF/CC)
- 36. Asst. Vice Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Arthur J. ____ (AF/CVA)
- 37. Air Force Surgeon Gen. Lt. Gen. George ____, Jr. (AF/SG)
- 38. Apparel
- 39. Branch out
- 42. Wayne movie ____ Wore a Yellow Ribbon
- 44. Fade away
- 47. Lorne Michaels' NBC sitcom
- 50. Beach item
- 51. Dec. holiday
- 53. Surcharge
- 54. Oklahoma town
- 55. Patrick AFB's 1st or 5th squadron, in short
- 57. Scheduling abbrev.

Science fair

Science fair season for the base schools is approaching. Check out the variety of science project books available at the Holloman Base Library. Call 572-3939 for more information.

Alamogordo science fair

The Alamogordo Public Schools are in need of volunteers to help judge science fair projects for the city science fair on Feb. 4. Volunteers will be judging projects ranging from grades K-5. For more information, please call Ms. Tammy Reed at 491-9683 or by e-mail at bigdogweb@msn.com.

MLK day bowling

Bowl from noon to 5 p.m. Monday for \$1.50 a game at Desert Lanes Bowling Center. Call 572-7378 for more information.

Environmental assessment

The Draft Environmental Assessment for the Military Family Housing Privatization is available for review at the Holloman Public Library and the Alamogordo Public Library. The public is invited to attend a meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Alamogordo Civic Center, 800 East 1st Street, to hear more about this proposal and to provide comments. Doors will open at 6:30 pm. All comments should be directed to the Public Affairs Office at 572-5406.

JROTC teaching

Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps is opening 75 new units at the beginning of the 2006-2007 school year. There will be 150 positions open for retired or soon-to-be retired officers and NCOs in high schools throughout the nation. All applicants must be retired from active duty less than five years from the effective date of employment. This may be waived in exceptional cases. If still on active duty, applicants must have applied for retirement to be effective within six months.

Instructors must meet Air Force weight/body fat standards and have high standards of military bearing, appearance and moral character. Officers must have a baccalaureate degree or higher from an accredited institution. NCOs must have a high school diploma or equivalent, and a minimum of an associate's degree will be required in the near future.

Instructors wear Air Force uniforms and are expected to maintain appearance standards. In addition, they receive, at a minimum, a salary equal to the difference between their retirement pay and their active-duty pay and allowances.

For more information, call 1-866-235-7682, ext. 35275 or 35300. The DSN is 493-5275 or 493-5300. For a list of current openings, go to www.afboats.af.mil/AFJROTC/instructors.asp. Positions at new units will be

posted by Wednesday.

Tree recycling

Christmas trees may be placed in roll-off collection units at any of the three locations in base housing: near the officers' quarters by the golf course, next to the Housing Self Help Store and off Santa Fe Avenue next to the park.

Roll-off units will be in housing until Sunday. Please do not deposit any other materials in the roll-offs.

Trees may also be dropped off in the wood yard, behind the recycle yard, at any time.

Trees will be made into free compost available at building 1266 off Vandergrift Road.

For more information, call 572-3931.

Scholarships

The Holloman Officers' Spouses Club will award \$12,000 in scholarships to local students attending colleges or universities during the 2006-2007 academic year. Scholarship amounts vary from \$1,000 to \$3,000.

Applicants must be a spouse or dependent child of an active duty, retired, POW/MIA or deceased Air Force member of the Holloman or White Sands Missile Range communities.

Applications are available at the Alamogordo, Tularosa and Cloudcroft high schools, the base library, education office and the Airman and Family Readiness Center. The application is also available online at www.hollomanosc.com and must be postmarked by March 15.

For more information, call 443-0141 or 479-9468.

Award authorization

The Humanitarian Service Medal, the Air Force Service Medal and the Air Force Civilian Service Medal have been approved for personnel who supported relief efforts for hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

The HSM is authorized for personnel supporting immediate relief operations in the area of eligibility of Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas for at least one day from Aug. 29 to Oct. 13.

Only one HSM, AFSM, or one of each (if appropriate) may be awarded under this authority. To

verify entitlement to these awards, individuals should provide source documentation – assignment orders, TDY orders or travel vouchers, decoration citations or performance reports – that shows the operation being supported, the location and the duration of service in the qualifying operation.

For more information, contact the Military Personnel Flight customer service office at 572-7277.

Reenlistment considerations

Below are some things to consider if you would like to continue your Air Force career and do not have U.S. citizenship:

Reenlistment: You will not be able to re-enlist until U.S. citizenship is obtained. You will also not be able to receive a bonus until you re-enlist.

PME attendance (Airmen Leadership School): You can only attend if you are able to obtain the retainability.

Promotion: You cannot pin on staff sergeant until you have attended ALS.

Retraining: You are unable to retrain if you cannot acquire the required retainability.

Assignments: You are not eligible for assignments requiring a security clearance.

Security clearance: You cannot obtain a security clearance without U.S. citizenship.

Commissioning programs: You are not eligible to apply without U.S. citizenship.

PALACE Chase/PALACE Front: You are not eligible to apply without U.S. citizenship.

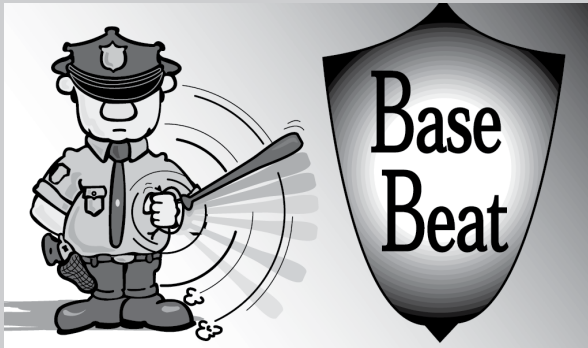
The Military Personnel Flight can assist with obtaining citizenship. For more information, contact Ms. Darlene Hale at 572-0070.

Lodging

Have family visiting and no space? Check with the Holloman Inn for space available rooms. For more information, stop by the lodging front desk or call 572-3311.

Chess club

The chess club meets at 5 p.m. every Thursday at the Whispering Sands Community Center.



The 49th Security Forces Squadron handled the following incidents from Jan. 3 to Monday:

Tickets issued

From Dec. 22 to Monday, 62 tickets were issued: 27 for failure to stop, 12 for speeding, six for no insurance, six for no driver's license, five for expired registration, one for use of a radar detector, one for a seat belt violation, one for no proof of registration, one for faulty head lamps, one for reckless driving and one for driving on an expired license.

Property loss, damage or theft

- Jan. 6: A dependent reported her vehicle had been damaged while parked on Valencia Loop.
- Jan. 6: An Airman struck a light pole on the U.S. 70 on-ramp with his vehicle while exiting the installation. Investigation revealed the Airman had swerved to avoid hitting an oryx.
- Jan. 8: An NCO reported the male bathroom had been damaged at J.R. Rocker's. Two urinal dividers had been

ripped out of the wall by an unknown individual.

- Jan. 8: A civilian reported a drive-through window had been damaged by an unknown individual at McDonald's. The window appeared to have been shattered by a beer mug.

Patrol response

- Jan. 3: An officer reported a suspicious mail package at building 15. Explosives Ordnance Disposal determined the package was safe.
- Jan. 4: An AAFES employee reported a dependent had attempted to shoplift a video game. The merchandise was recovered and the dependent was released to his sponsor.
- Jan. 5: A Security Forces NCO picked up a stray dog on Dona Anna Loop. The animal was turned over to its owner.
- Jan. 5: A dependent entered the Security Forces building and reported she had found a stray dog. The animal was turned over to its owner.
- Jan. 5: An NCO reported an unknown civilian was standing underneath the U.S. 70 overpass near the main gate. Investigation revealed the civilian was hitchhiking.
- Jan. 6: A dependent reported her neighbor had thrown a beer can over her fence on Keesler Court.
- Jan. 6: A dependent reported she was having chest pains at her residence on Langley Court. The dependent was transported to Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center for treatment.
- Jan. 7: An NCO reported a domestic assault on Mora Loop.
- Jan. 9: A dependent reported a minor accident involving two personally-owned vehicles in the parking lot of the dental clinic.
- Jan. 9: A civilian reported a minor accident involving two POVs in the New Mexico State University-Alamogordo Holloman branch parking lot.



Aeon Flux (PG-13)

6 p.m. Friday

Saw II (R)

6 p.m. Saturday

Just Friends (PG-13)

6 p.m. Sunday

Chapel services

Weekday Masses – 11:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Sunday – Catholic Mass, 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

- Sacrament of Penance, 4 p.m.
- General Protestant Worship Service, 11 a.m.
- Protestant Sunday School is 9:30 a.m. and Catholic Religious Education is 10:30 a.m. at Holloman Intermediate School.

BRIEFS

Child care

The Family Child Care Program, in cooperation with the Air Force Aid Society and the Airman and Family Readiness Center, provides 20 hours of free child care for families involved in a PCS move. This care is available for 60 days prior to and 60 days after the move. All active duty members are eligible for this program. For more information, contact the Family Child Care Program at 572-5848 or the AFRC at 572-7754.

Family Support Center

This week at the Airman and Family Readiness Center:

Transition Assistance Program: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. This three-day program is for separating or retiring personnel and their spouses, to ensure a smooth and successful transition to a second career or into retirement.

Disability Transition Assistance Program: 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Thursday. This program addresses issues regarding disability compensation paperwork for the Veteran's Administration process. Members remaining in New Mexico should bring a copy of their medical records to submit to the VA. Other members can bring a copy of their medical records to assist them in completing claim forms. Call 572-7754 to register.

Travelers welcome

The Information, Tickets and Travel office is open at the Whispering Sands Community Center. Tickets for major theme parks and other events are available for purchase. Call 572-7476 for more information.

Korean arts

The Fitness and Sports Center offers Kuk Sool Won martial arts classes 5 p.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Classes are for ages 13 and older. Call 572-3229 to sign up.

Cycling

The Fitness and Sports Center would like to host an indoor cycling class, but 15 participants are needed. If you are interested, sign up at the front desk or call 572-3229.

Whitewater rafters

Whitewater rafting volunteers needed. Contact Outdoor Recreation at 572-5369 or stop by building 234

to sign up by Wednesday for the training and certification classes.

STARS volunteers

Students Taking All the Right Steps program is in need of volunteers. This program is part of Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Volunteers give one hour a week helping children improve in reading or math. There are currently more than 100 students in need of tutors. For more information, call 434-3388.

Childcare certification

Military dependents living on base must be licensed to provide childcare services in their government quarters for more than 10 hours per week on a regular basis. For more information, call the Family Child Care Program at 572-5848.

RIDE on

Holloman's safe alternative to driving under the influence of alcohol, 572-RIDE, is in need of volunteers. Last fiscal year the organization picked up more than 800 Team Holloman members. For more information call 572-RIDE.

Volunteers needed

The Red Cross is taking applications for volunteers to work in the medical clinic, education office, the schools and the Red Cross office on base. The Red Cross will help pay for childcare and also offers free classes for volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering your time,

please contact Ms.. Ronda Robert at 439-7959.

Operation We Do Care

Operation We Do Care is looking to fill volunteer positions in grant writing and sales. If interested, please contact sue@operationwedocare.org or call 479-9680.

HOSC thrift shop

The Holloman Officers' Spouses Club thrift shop will be open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Consignments are accepted 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday and Thursday.

To prevent removal of items from our donation bins without authorization, please bring multiple donations or large donations by during operating hours or call 479-0529 to arrange for a special time to drop the items off.

Briefings

Monthly suicide prevention/violence awareness/Sexual Assault Response Coordinator briefings are held 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the base theater.

Airman's attic

Airman's Attic is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every second Saturday of each month. Donations are preferred during operating hours. For more information call 572-2577.

Crossword answers



Answers from page 13



Push it up

Anthony Marshall completes an approximately 385-pound squat in the weight room of the 49th Services Squadron's Health and Fitness Center Thursday.



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Ray Bowden

Racquet-eering court

Michael Norwood (right) perprepares to hit a racquetball while Joshua Ambuehl looks on during a game in one of the 49th Services Sqadron's Health and Fitness Center racquetball courts Thursday.



Holloman bowls on: OSS leads week 14

Team Standings

Place	#	Team Name	Points Won	Points Lost	UnEarned Points	Scratch Pins	Pins plus Handicap
1	14	49 OSS	79	33		25407	34680
2	22	49 MMG Team A	74	38		24450	34773
3	24	49 MDG	74	38		22634	33710
4	6	GAF Team C	70	42		21830	34268
5	7	49 MXS Team A	70	42		23597	33998
6	3	49 LRS Team A	69	43		24016	34036
7	18	49 MSS Team B	68	44		21708	34272
8	12	49 CS Team B	64	48		22408	34333
9	16	49 MSS Team A	62	50		23155	33721
10	15	49 CES Team A	61	51		21086	34034
11	11	49 MXS Team C	60	52		26553	34641
12	20	49 SVS	56	56		19771	34066
13	10	49 CS Team A	56	56		26882	33902
14	19	49 CES Team C	55	57		24030	34611
15	13	49 MOS	55	57		23728	33250
16	5	49 LRS Team B	54	58		18978	33873
17	8	GAF Team D	53	59		21305	33530
18	17	49 CES Team B	48	64		19469	33998
19	1	49 MMG Team B	48	64		20716	33508
20	2	GAF Team A	44	68		21625	33367
21	9	49 MXS Team B	42	70		22408	33268
22	4	GAF Team B	36	76		22723	33640
23	21	49 CES Team D	34	78		22513	32962
24	23	Bye	0	0		0	0

